

ABSTRACT

[0075] A method and system for patch management. The method and system automatically determines a set of patches applicable to a target device and initiates transfer, if necessary, to the target device and records which patches if any, have been transferred to the target device. The method and system also automatically distributes patches to a target device based on policy, state and management data. The method and system allow patches to be automatically acquired and managed for patch gap, patch vulnerability and patch security compliance.

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